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**Board of Certification for Wastewater Operators
July 2, 2019
DNREC, Richardson & Robbins Building**

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board: Bryan Ashby, Brian Blackburn, Jeff Deats, Ira Kaiser and Mark Kondelis
DW: Alexis Capes, Nicole Smith and Faye Wheeler
Public:

Chairman Brian Blackburn called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

A quorum of the board is present.

- The agenda for the current meeting is approved with corrections.
- Minutes of the June 14, 2019 meeting are approved as corrected.

Old Business

- **SunCoast Learning System**
 - Brian Blackburn and Faye Wheeler had a conference call with Susan Untiedt and Brian Fieg. Another state (Ohio) has to spend 90% in the online courses and have a pop up that lets operators know they have not completed enough time in the course. The Board feels Delaware operators should spend 75% in courses to get completion.
 - Also each Board member will have a log in to take classes they have agreed to audit.
 - SunCoast is refunding fees for denied operator (A. Jowder).

New Business

- **Section 4.04 Report**
 - Mark Kondelis reports as he was completing his facilities Section 4.04 report this year, he saw what he believes is discrepancies with the form and the regulations (especially multiple permit facilities and multi plant operators).
 - After discussion the Board has decided to put this on the list of items to explore in opening up the regulations.
- **Operator License Renewals/Certifications/Expirations February**
 - The Board reviewed renewals, certifications and expirations.

- **License certifications and renewals audit for February**
 - Four files were pulled.
- Jeff Deats mentioned we should have more criterion on course approvals. Defining direct and indirect would be helpful. Other states (Maryland) has a TRE committee that review courses and make recommendations to their Board. Brian Blackburn explained our current process.

Meeting was adjourned 10:02 a.m.

The next Board of Certification for Wastewater Operators meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at DNREC, Richardson & Robbins Building, Conference Room B172.

Respectfully Submitted,
Faye Wheeler, CAP, OM